GOV. MALLOY: RESIDENTS SEEKING FEDERAL ASSISTANCE MUST REGISTER WITH FEMA

Disaster Declaration Declared for Fairfield, New Haven, Middlesex and New London Counties

(HARTFORD, CT) - After receiving notification of the federal assistance available to cities and towns, businesses, individuals, and non-profits in Fairfield, New Haven, Middlesex and New London Counties, Governor Dannel P. Malloy today announced that residents in those counties who suffered damage as a result of Hurricane Sandy must register with FEMA by phone or online to access that aid.

"This declaration will bring much-needed financial assistance to residents who were impacted by Hurricane Sandy," said Governor Malloy. "But it is critical to note that you must register with FEMA to begin the process of accessing possible federal assistance. We will continue to work to get the rest of the counties in the state declared."

To register by phone, residents can call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). The TTY line for people with speech or hearing disabilities is 1-800-462-7585. The line is open from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., seven days per week.

To register online, applications may be completed at www.disasterassistance.gov.

If residents have disaster assistance questions, they may call the FEMA Helpline at 1-800-621-3362.

In the coming days, state officials and FEMA will be conducting damage assessments to determine if additional counties may be eligible for assistance. Residents and businesses in the non-declared counties (Litchfield, Hartford, Tolland and Windham) should dial 2-1-1 or go online at www.211ct.org to report their damage.